



## The Salesian Way of St. John Bosco—Quick Intro to a Catholic Anthropology

The Salesian Way	Catholic understanding of the human person	Modern secular way (with examples)
I will be cheerful. <i>Hope</i>	We are made for happiness (JPII). Cheerfulness is a choice. Happiness is tied to the will. Love is a decision.	I'm happy when I am passively entertained. (Screen time in schools, teachers trying to make school entertaining)
I will do my duties well. <i>Justice</i>	Justice is foundational to the flourishing of human society. There is no sanctity without duty. Excellence vs. mediocrity	Worldly motivation: I will do what is needed to get what I want. My duty/conscience = my choice (Behavior modification)
I will stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist. <i>Faith</i>	Christ is our center: In Him we live and move and have our being—source and summit of the Christian life There is no real education without Him—Logos of all things	A void exists in every human heart; the world offers unhealthy responses to that emptiness. (Addictions and the cultural trend toward over-medication)
I will honor Mary as my Mother and Helper. <i>Filial Piety</i> <i>Humility</i>	Heavenly Mother that we all have We are nurturing souls, not producing results. The family as a model for school life Deepen the role of the family in the life of the school, and deepen the role of education in the life of the family ( <i>St. Jerome Educational Plan</i> )	Rejection of creation: male/female, motherhood, fatherhood, family life I define/create/identify myself. (Attack on the family, natural law and the natures of things)
I choose to be kind. <i>Charity</i>	Charity determines our place in Heaven. True charity—requires detachment Love of God and Love of neighbor for God's sake We are training the will: Fiat Voluntas Tua	I am a good person. I am nice. Mentioning my offenses challenges my identity as a good person. (Moral relativism)
I want to serve rather than be served. <i>Fortitude</i>	Unselfishness is at the heart of Christian living. Initiative, stepping up to support the common good and the individual good of others	I want to do things the easy way. (Attachment to pleasure, unwillingness to do what is arduous for the sake of the good)